



Mount Vernon Triangle Community Improvement District
Building a New Neighborhood in Downtown DC

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Helder Gil, Legislative Affairs Specialist
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
1100 Fourth Street, SW
Room 5164
Washington DC 20024

Re: Suggested Changes to Chapter 5 of Title 24 – Street Vending

Dear Ms. Gil:

After reading the proposed Chapter 5 of Title 24 published June 25, 2010, I recommend the following changes.

Part 2, 521.1 (b) “No more than three (3) sidewalk Vending Locations shall be designated on any side of any city block;”

- Reduce the number of vendors per block from three to two since blocks are varying lengths and three vendors per block per side could mean six vendors operating on both sides of a street in a short block.

Part 2, 522.1 (g) “South along the east curb of 7th Street NW to the north curb of L Street NW;”

- I would like to see L Street removed and have the boundary continue down the east curb of 7th Street NW since these blocks (Square 450, Square 451, and Square 484W) have been being bought up to be redeveloped as mixed use.

Part 2, 522.1 (h) “East along the north curb of L Street NW to the east curb of 6th Street NW;”

- I would like this removed altogether since I would like the boundary to run south along the east side of 7th Street to Massachusetts Avenue NW. These blocks (Square 450, Square 451, and Square 484W) have been bought up to be redeveloped as mixed use.

Part 2, 522.1 (i) “South along the east curb of 6th St. NW to the north curb of Mass. Ave. NW.”

- I would like this to read “South along the east curb of 7th Street NW to the north curb of Massachusetts Avenue NW.” These blocks (Square 450, Square 451, and Square 484W) have been bought up to be redeveloped as mixed use.

Part 2, 556.8 No Mobile Vending Vehicle subject to this section shall be parking within sixty feet (60 ft.) of a business with a fixed address that sells the same type of food.

- Increase the parking distance to one hundred feet (100 ft.) to reduce conflicts on the street between Mobile Vending Vehicles and businesses with fixed addresses.

If you would like to discuss the reasons for these changes, please feel free to contact me at (202) 661-7590 or mvtbill@downtowndc.org.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director